





## For Sale.

## MacEWEN, FRICKEL &amp; Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE.

## CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.  
MUSCATEL RAISINS.  
METZ FRUIT.  
ASSORTED COCAQUES.  
CALLARD & BOWSER'S CONFECTIONERY.  
BUTTER SCOTCH.  
HONEY SCOTCH.  
ROSE TOFFEE.  
LEMON TOFFEE.  
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.  
PLUM PIEDINGS.  
PATRAS CURRANTS.  
VALENCIA RAISINS.  
MACKINNON PEN.  
LIVERMORE PEN.  
LAWN TENNIS BATS.  
LAWN TENNIS BALLS.  
LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Ex Steamer "Gloria."  
STILTON CHEESE.  
YORK HAMS.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
TESSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.  
SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.  
PILGRIMS.  
COCAQUINA.  
VAN HOUTTE'S COCOA.  
LIND'S & CO'S COCOA.  
FRENCH PLUMS.  
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
CHOCOLATE-MENIER.  
SAUSAGES.  
BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.  
DANISH BUTTER.  
BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
ANCHOVES.  
ASPARAGUS.  
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.  
CHAMPAGNES—  
HUBBARD'S MONOPOLÉ & WHITE  
SEAL.  
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.  
JULES MUMM & Co., pils & quarts.  
CLARETS—  
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pils & quarts.  
CHATEAU LAITE.  
JESUS GRAVES.  
BREAKFAST CLARET.  
SHERRIES & PORT—  
SACON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SACON'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).  
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—  
1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
Bisquit Dubouché & Co.'s BRANDY.  
FINEST OLD BOURBON-WHISKY.  
KIRWAN'S LI WHISKY.  
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.  
CHARTREUSE.  
MARASCHINO.  
CURACAO.  
ANGOSTURA.  
BONNET'S ORANGE BITTERS.  
&c. &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pils and quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BULLER, pils and quarts.  
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.  
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.  
Fresh ROLL BUTTER.  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
Boneless CODFISH.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
RUSSIAN CAVIARE.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.  
Packed OX-TONGUES.  
Family PIG-PORK in legs and pieces.  
Parragon MACKEREL in 1 lb cans.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2 1/2 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Assorted PEPPERS.  
Assorted PICKLES.  
MINCEMEAT.  
COMB HONEY in Original Frames.  
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.  
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.  
Lunch TONGUE.  
Mort's Sugar LEMONADE.

Cham CHOWDER.  
Smoked SALMON.  
Green TURTLE in 2 1/2 lb cans.  
&c. &c.

## YACHT &amp; PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA  
CRACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Alphabetical B.I.S.  
CUTS.  
Fancy Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.  
Ginger CAKES.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
HOMINY.  
CORNMEAL.  
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.  
RYE MEAL.

## SPECIAL SELECTED CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 and 10 catty boxes.  
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.  
SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.  
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly  
executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

## Intimations.

## WINDSOR HOUSE,

Nos. 18 and 19, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

THE above well-furnished HOTEL com-  
mands a fine view of the Harbour and  
Shipping, and the building is surrounded  
by a large Verandah, which makes this  
resort the coolest Hotel in the East.  
Charges—From 22.50 to 24 per day.  
Porter to land and ship baggage.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co.  
Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881.

"THE F.A.R.E.A.S.T."  
THE BEST OF 1878 WANTED.  
Apply at this OFFICE.  
Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

"SULPHOLINE LOTION"—An Ex-  
tensive Means of CURING SKIN  
DISEASES.—There is scarcely any erup-  
tion but will yield to "Sulpholine" in a  
few days, and commence to fade away, even  
if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples,  
redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, rash  
as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin  
diseases, that have plagued the sufferers  
for years, however deeply rooted, they may  
be, "Sulpholine" will successfully attack  
them. It destroys the animalcules which  
cause these unsightly, irritable, painful  
affections, and always produces a clear,  
healthy, natural condition of the skin.  
"Sulpholine" Lotion is sold by most Chem-  
ists. Bottles, 2s. 6d.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.—DR.  
KING'S DANDILLION & GUMMINE  
LIVER PILLS (without Mercury).  
THE BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUS-  
NESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT,  
FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE  
SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDI-  
GESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE,  
HEARTBURN, and all other symptoms of  
disordered liver and dyspepsia. It is  
highly recommended by many eminent  
doctors, and is always found to be the  
safest and mildest pills for every constitu-  
tion.  
In Boxes of 1s. 1/4, 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d.  
Sold by Chemists and Medicine Vendors  
throughout the world.  
Prepared by J. B. Roke, London.  
Specially valuable pills for residents abroad  
and travellers.

PARANACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.  
Prepared only by J. Peppet, London.  
This fluid combination, extracted from  
medicinal roots, is now used instead of blue  
pill and is adapted for the cure of dyspepsia,  
biliousness, and all symptoms of congestion  
of the liver, which are generally pain in  
the shoulders, headache, drowsiness,  
no appetite, furred tongue, disagreeable  
taste in the morning, giddiness, disturbance  
of the stomach, and feeling of general de-  
pression. It acts the sluggish liver in mo-  
tion, very slightly acts on the bowels, giving  
a sense of health and comfort within 24  
hours. It is the safest medicine known.  
Paranacum and Podophyllin is a fluid made only  
by J. PEPPET, Bedford Laboratory, Lon-  
don, whose name is on every label. Bottles,  
2s. 6d. and 4s. 6d. Sold by all Chemists.  
A most valuable and essential medicine for  
India, Australia, the Cape, and Colonies  
generally.  
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## Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenfruin* having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their  
Goods—with the exception of Opium—are  
being landed at their risk into the Godowns  
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the  
Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before  
 Noon To-day, the 20th inst.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
20th instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1882. j27

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
BRITISH BARK "ENDYMION,"  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are requested to send  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1882.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and to take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Ex Yangtze.  
O.R. No. 9, 1 case Flour, Order, from  
Marseilles.

Ex Oms.  
A.H.J. (in cross), No. 16, 10=2 cases,  
Order, from London.

Ex Anadyr.  
A.H.J. (in cross), No. 17, 1 case Hats,  
Order, from London.

Ex Ironclad.  
200 (in dia.), No. 230/34=5 cases Mer-  
chandise, Order, from London.

200 (in dia.), No. 268/97=30 cases Ver-  
mouth, Order, from Marseilles.

Ex Peito.  
G.S.C. (in dia.), 31/45=15 cases Vermouth,  
Order, from Marseilles.

Ex Smith.  
G.S.C. (in dia.), 40/60=15 cases Vermouth,  
Order, from Marseilles.

C.R. 10/11=2 cases Milk, Order, from  
Marseilles.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1882.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-  
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, 22,000,000. PAID-UP, £200,000.  
PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are  
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against  
FIRE at Current Rates.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenfruin* having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo by her and by the S.S. *Victoria* and  
S.S. *California* from New York, are hereby  
informed that their Goods—with the ex-  
ception of Opium—are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Under-  
signed, whence and/or from the Wharves  
or Boats delivery may be obtained.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 3  
p.m. To-day, the 18th February.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
23rd instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 16, 1882. fe23

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are  
prepared to Grant Insurance against FIRE  
at Current Rates.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10may82

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(LIMITED).  
NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates  
on MARINE RISKS to all parts of  
the World. In accordance with the Com-  
pany's Articles of Association, Two-thirds  
of the Profits are distributed annually to  
Contributors, who are Shareholders or not,  
in proportion to the net amount of Premi-  
um contributed by each, the remaining third  
being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1881. 6ap82

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above  
Company, are authorized to insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Risks on First Class Godowns at 1  
per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.  
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £ 100,000 "  
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "  
Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Poochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—  
Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London, or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.  
Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.  
Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND  
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).  
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS for the above Company are  
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE  
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual  
Discounts.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

YANGTZE INSURANCE  
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £1,200,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE FUND £1,200,000.00  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £1,200,000.00  
TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-  
CUMULATIONS, £3,600,000.00  
—April, 1881.

Directors.  
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
W. M. DODD, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,  
J. H. PINCKVOS, F. D. HITCH, Esq.,  
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:  
Messrs BARKING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Bankers.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World.  
Subject to a Charge of 12 1/2 per cent for Interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of  
the Undersigned Business are an-  
nually distributed among all Contributors  
of Business in proportion to the Premi-  
um paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1881. 10may82

## Insurances.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE

INSURANCE COMPANY,

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE  
BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA for  
the above Company are prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allow-  
ing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 3, 1881. 3may82

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE).  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.  
Policies for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.  
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
A. H. NICHOL, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

TO-day's Advertisements.

RACE HOLIDAYS.  
THE Undersigned BANKS will  
CLOSE for Public Business at 12  
o'clock, Noon, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY  
and SATURDAY, the 23rd, 24th and 25th  
Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"  
GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of  
India, China and Japan,"  
JOHN THURBURN, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China,"  
WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"  
F. COCHINARD, Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation,"  
T. JACKSON, Manager.

WANTED.  
COMPETENT SURGEON. STEA-  
MEN, and SAILORS SHIPS, hence to  
Victoria, Portland and San Francisco.  
For Particulars, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

MITSUBISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE  
AND INLAND SEA.

THE S.S. *NIGATA MARU*, Capt.  
WYNN, due here on or about the  
27th instant, will be despatched as above  
on FRIDAY, the 23rd March, at 4 p.m.  
Cargo received on board and Parcels at  
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day sailing.  
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2  
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board  
before delivery is taken, otherwise they  
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.  
To KOBE,..... 8 00 815  
YOKOHAMA & NAGASAKI, 75 20  
SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA, 120 40  
" KOBE,..... 65 30  
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN  
PASSENGERS.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki  
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail  
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the  
Company's OFFICES: PRATT & CENTRAL, West  
Corner Pottinger Street.

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882. m3

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, PORT SAID,  
GALLE, ADEN, SEYD, PORT SAID,  
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI,  
ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH,  
AND LONDON.

Also,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,  
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
CATHAY, Captain W. M. ROBERTS, with  
Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched  
from this for BOMBAY, on TUESDAY,  
the 7th March, 1882, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until  
10 a.m. on the day of departure.  
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office  
until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be  
transhipped at Point de Galle; but Tea and  
General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one  
week later than by the direct route via  
Galle.

For further Particulars, regarding  
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the  
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVA-  
TION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are  
required to be declared prior to shipment.  
Shippers are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

The Cathay connects at Galle with the  
Rosetta from Australia, and the Ravensna  
from Calcutta.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882. m7

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, 25th February, 1882.

SECOND  
GRAND MUSICAL, MUSICAL,  
AND COMICAL PERFORMANCE,  
AND  
DISPLAY OF NECROMANCY,  
GIVEN BY  
PROFESSOR RUCHWALDY,  
HUNGARIAN WIZARD,  
WITH HIS VARIETY THOUPE.

An entirely new Programme  
FOR PARTICULARS SEE HANDBILLS.

Prices of Admission:  
Dress Circle and Stalls, Two Dollars.  
Pit, ..... One Dollar.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half-Price.

Tickets to be had from Messrs KELLY &  
WALSH, and at the Doors on the Night of  
Performance.

Doors open at 8.00 p.m.; Performance to  
commence at 9 p.m., precisely.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882. fe26

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for CHINA, NEWCHOWANG, TIEN-  
TSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the  
YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
"Stentor,"  
Capt. KIRKPATRICK, will be  
despatched at 5 p.m.  
TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, instead  
of at Daylight, the 24th.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882. fe23

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,  
VIA TAKAO.

The Steamship  
"Stentor,"  
W. McD. ALKIN, Com-  
mander, will be despatched  
as above on FRIDAY, the 24th instant,  
at 11 o'clock a.m., instead of as previously  
notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882. fe24

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
The Spanish Steamer  
"Captain OYUZAR," will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, at  
5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882. fe28

JUST RECEIVED.  
A Large Assortment of GENTLEMEN'S and  
LADIES' TENNIS SHOES.  
CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.  
GENTLEMEN'S WALKING BOOTS.  
LADIES' SHOES.

And,  
All Sorts of TENNIS TOOLS, as BALLS,  
BATS, &c., &c.

AT MODERATE PRICES.  
N. M. KHAMISA,  
8 and 10, Peel Street,  
Hongkong, February 22, 1882. m8

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
Feb. 22, *Crusader*, British steamer, 642,  
Rowin, Saigon Feb. 19, Rice.—FUNG YUEN  
& Co.

Feb. 22, *Peking*, British steamer, 954,  
Drowes, Chinkiang Feb. 18, Rice.—  
SIEMSEN & Co.

Feb. 22, *Yungtze*, British steamer, from  
Canton.

Feb. 22, *Volmer*, Danish steamer, 979,  
Heintzelmann, Saigon Feb. 17, Rice.—  
Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.

DEPARTURES.  
Feb. 22, *Hainan*, for Hoihow, &c.  
22, *Albay*, for Swatow, &c.  
22, *Peking*, for Canton.  
22, *Smula*, for Nagasaki & Yokohama.  
22, *Glenfruin*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.  
Kang-shi, for Hoihow, &c.  
Stentor, for Amoy and Shanghai.  
Pescador, for Shanghai.  
Adolph, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.  
Per *Crusader*, from Saigon, 8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.  
Per *Albay*, for Swatow, Mr. H. Hanes;  
for Amoy, Mr. Wm. Allen.  
Per *Glenfruin*, for Shanghai, Mr. Wm.  
Meyerink and servant,



been occasioned by the single span cut-stone culvert over one of the gulleys—more, properly, a water-rut—giving way. The disaster appears to have arisen from a slip in the super-soil, which undermined the northern abutment, and, in its fall, scaped some small portion of the side of the hill. However small the accident may be, there the ruin still stands—a standing monument of the apathy of Sir John Pope Hennessy in night that does not concern himself! Those of our readers who may have taken the trouble to peruse the Governor's "Annual Statement" with the attention that it demands, could not refrain from noticing the loud protestations of his willingness to expend; and the only drawback to the good intention thus expressed towards our "roads, streets, and bridges" was attributed to another cause—to wit, the fault of the Department of the Public Service immediately concerned with their maintenance. If this is not taking undue advantage of one's position, we do not know what is. Comment is unnecessary on the lowest of all subterfuges—the shifting of responsibility to the shoulders of the innocent, and attaching blame to subordinates who have no other alternative but to "grin and bear it." But to revert to the *Bridge*. We imagine that before its restoration is undertaken a special Committee will be deputed to report on the advisability of the measure, or otherwise. Perhaps—it has been suggested to us—our worthy Chief is bent upon developing a taste for aesthetics among the Celestials, and has referred the design to the Royal Institute of British Architects for an expression of opinion?

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**THE RAIL AMERICAN MAIL**, bringing San Francisco dates up to the 20th ult., may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

**THE Gutzlaff-Nagasaki** Cable failed yesterday evening. The Co.'s repairing steamer is now on the way to the break.

**THE Attorney General** will move to-morrow that Mr Herbert Mainwaring Baily, Barrister-at-law, be admitted to practice in the Supreme Court.

**THE Agents** (Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Memphis* left Fort Darwin yesterday for Hongkong, and will probably arrive here on 2nd March.

**THE American Gun-boat *Palos*** and all the other men-of-war in harbour were to-day gaily dressed with flags in honour of the anniversary of the 150th birthday of George Washington.

**A CORRESPONDENT** informs us that Mr A. R. Colquhoun, whom we referred to yesterday as being now en route to the Yunnan Border, accompanied Major Street in the Embassy to Siam from British Borneo in the early part of 1879.

**AMONG** the lists of new patents we observe one that might be capable of useful application locally in connection with our coming tramway—viz., a "novel method of cleaning tram-trails, removing extraneous matter therefrom, and apparatus therefor."

**WE** understand that all Summary Court cases in which solicitors appear for either side are to be adjourned from Friday until Tuesday next, and it is also intended to hear undefended cases only, as the Court will adjourn at twelve o'clock, on account of the Races.

**IT** is a matter of some importance to this Colony, as well as to Macao, that the University of Bombay, which confers degrees in all the Faculties, except Divinity, and is like the University of London, cosmopolitan in its scope, permits the use of Portuguese as the second or optional language for its examinations.

**RETURNS** of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Feb. 19th:—

	Europeans.	Chinese.
Monday,	42	527
Tuesday,	37	494
Wednesday,	36	338
Thursday,	28	336
Friday,	18	298
Saturday,	None	None
Sunday,	None	None
<b>Total,</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1,958</b>
<b>Grand total,</b>	<b>2,139</b>	

**THE** advent of the New Year in and about India was marked by one of the greatest convulsions of nature ever experienced within memory in that part of the world. Subterranean rumbling and the shocks of earthquake could not have extended over a smaller space, we estimate, than 400,000 square miles. The culmination of this phenomenon was a volcanic eruption near Akrah, in Burma. The Seismological Society of Japan, a gentleman informs us, may be favored with a paper on the subject, which is of somewhat more than ordinary interest, if not anticipated, or should nothing intervene.

**TO-DAY** (Ash-Wednesday), the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates one of the most impressive ceremonies of that denomination by strewing ashes on the heads of the clergy and of those persons assembled in the church before the Mass begins. The ashes are first consecrated on the altar, and on applying them to the heads of those present the Minister on each occasion repeats the words, "*Memento quid cinis es, et cinerem reverteris*," i.e., "Remember that thou art dust, and to dust must return."

This ceremony is said to have been introduced by Gregory the Great, but afterwards sanctioned by Pope Celestin III., in 1191; and it has ever since been an annual ceremony observed on the first day of Lent.

**WE** know that Governor Hennessy is still amongst us; also, that Mr John Pittman, whose friendship for His Excellency has assumed so many phases, is still here; and that the body known as the Tung-wah Directors (past and present) is yet intact, and as willing as ever to do honour, when called upon, to any apparently great man. It is whispered that influences are being brought to bear upon the "leading Chinese"—we do not say by whom—to rally round the departing Governor. What particular form the "rally" will take will probably depend upon circumstances; but judging from the manner in which but little matters have been "arranged" here hitherto, there is little doubt but that something novel will be heard of soon in this connection. Under present circumstances, when the Chinese impressions regarding Governor Hennessy have suffered so marked a change, consequent upon a comparison of his performances with his promises, the negotiations connected with his demonstration in favour of departing Vicerealty will be of the most delicate nature. They are reported, however, to be in the most competent hands, and a result of some kind, effected somehow or other, may be safely looked for before long. We hear that the "umbrella" idea has been abandoned, and therefore look for something less locally significant, though probably more imposing in its nature.

**SOME** stir was occasioned yesterday by the discovery that goods to the amount of over \$70,000 were missing from the godowns of Messrs Norton & Co., and that the proprietors of that firm (who also acted as godown-keeper) had absented himself, together with his family and the whole of the godown staff. Suspicion was at first aroused by the sheriff of the firm expressing his belief that all was not right, and investigations which were then made showed that this opinion was but too well founded. It seems that the emporium godown-keeper, who has been a trusted servant of the firm for twelve years, asked for and obtained leave to go to his native place from Saturday till Monday, and has not returned.

This move, of course, lulled rather than invited inquiry; and the Celestial has therefore got a start of those who are left to suffer for his apparent dishonesty. A warrant has been issued for his apprehension, while steps have also been taken for obtaining the godown coolies. As yet, therefore, there is little or no explanation to offer as to how the goods have been abstracted, or what system has been adopted to evade detection. All that is known at present is this, that considerable consignments of quicksilver have been stored for some time back in the godowns referred to, and that upon examination it has been discovered that a large number of the flasks have been removed, while many of the flasks remaining have been emptied of their contents. The robbery must have been carried on in a systematic manner, and have extended over a period of several months; but from the fact that empty flasks are left, it may be presumed that their presence was used as a blind when the chances of discovery became troublesome.

Considering the almost insuperable difficulty that exists in the way of carrying on business without reposing confidence in some one, it is probably matter for congratulation that so few large robberies of this description have to be recorded. At the same time, under all the circumstances, the general regret will be none the less at the present loss, which almost assumes the dimensions of a calamity. It is to be hoped that the Police and the other authorities concerned will succeed in capturing and bringing to justice the perpetrators of this heartless robbery.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present: H. E. the Governor, Sir John Pope Hennessy, President; the Hon. F. Snowden, Acting Chief Justice; the Hon. M. S. Tonnochy, Acting Colonial Secretary; the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; the Hon. W. M. Deane, Acting Treasurer; and the following unofficial members: Hon. Ng Choy, Hon. F. B. Johnson, and the Hon. P. Ryrie. The minutes of the meeting of the 13th instant were read, and the Governor proposed that they should be confirmed. The Hon. F. B. Johnson rose and said before the minutes were passed might be asked, he thought he was in order, whether the protest had been sent to the Clerk of Councils was inserted in those minutes. His Excellency said the protest was received by the Clerk of Councils after the last meeting had been held, and therefore could not be entered, and he would point out that the question was that the minutes would be confirmed, and the matter would be immediately thereafter referred to. The minutes were then confirmed. His Excellency then said that he had the honour to announce that the protest, if the hon. member wished, would now be read. The Hon. Mr Johnson said he had no special desire for the protest to be read, so long as it was inserted in the minutes. His Excellency said that it would be entered among the proceedings, but thought it should be read to the Council. The Clerk then read the following:—

**THE HON. F. B. JOHNSON TO HIS EXCELLENCY AND THE CLERK OF COUNCILS.**  
HONGKONG, 13th February, 1882.  
I do hereby protest in writing against the decision of Your Excellency, intimated to you in the letter addressed to me by the

Clerk of Councils, dated the 7th instant, and confirmed by the Legislative Council of this Colony, with relation to Your Excellency's ruling that a motion of mine, of my intention to move which, at that Council, I had given due notice, and the terms of which I shall presently state in extenso, was irregular and out of order. The motion to which I allude, was as follows:—That His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Acting Colonial Secretary to lay upon the table copies of letters addressed by me to the Acting Colonial Secretary dated 2nd December, with enclosures, and 7th and 16th December, of the Acting Colonial Secretary's replies dated respectively 6th and 13th December, also that His Excellency will be pleased to lay upon the table copies of a letter addressed by Mr F. C. Hayler to the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated on or about 27th July 1881, of a covering dated the same date, and of a letter from Mr. G. C. Hayler to the Secretary of State, dated 27th July 1881, and dated 8th September, comprising a series of documents which have been exhibited to members of Council by His Excellency's directions. I have the honour to be, Your most obedient servant, F. B. JOHNSON.

**HIS EXCELLENCY'S MINUTE.**  
There is a slight inaccuracy or misconception in the latter part of the protest (about documents being exhibited by my direction), but nevertheless, let it be entered in full in the minutes.  
J. PORE HENNESSY.  
14 Feb. '82.

His Excellency then said that the first business to which he would call the attention of the Council would be—  
The Hon. F. B. Johnson said he would not again be out of order, and that he had no wish to trespass on the question of privilege. His Excellency asked the hon. member what the question of privilege was.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson offered to describe the question of privilege if His Excellency would allow him.  
His Excellency pointed out to that hon. member that the question of privilege was not a matter of order, and that the Council was governed very much by the practice of the House of Commons, which was that if a member objected, as the hon. member evidently did, in the ruling of the President, he gives him notice in some shape or another of his intention. A question of privilege was a question which arose at once, and was to be decided by the Council at the moment. In this case of the hon. member's notice had been given either to His Excellency or the Clerk of Councils.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson asked permission to be allowed to say a few words in reply.  
His Excellency said no discussion could take place whatever on the subject, as the protest was ordered to be entered in full upon the minutes of the meeting, and no further reference could be made at this meeting.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson said he had been debarred from giving due notice from the fact that this meeting had been called in an informal manner at twenty-four hours' notice, and if the meeting had been called according to the Standing Orders he would have done so, but under these circumstances he had been unable to give notice in the usual form, but thought he might be allowed to read the extracts.

His Excellency said he was sure the hon. member that it would be completely out of order, and that he, the Hon. Mr Johnson, had endeavoured to bring to the notice of the Council that, on His Excellency's ruling was out of order. And under these circumstances any attempt whatever to set aside his ruling in the matter was clearly out of order. His Excellency said that he had pointed out to the hon. member that in a matter of this kind, he had to give 24 hours' notice of his motion.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson said he wished to point out that the matter referred to related to a former session.  
His Excellency said that under these circumstances it could not be dealt with as a matter of privilege; that was a clear ruling in all assemblies of this kind, and more than that, no motion could be made again similar to that which had been ruled out of order.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson asked if His Excellency would allow his ruling to appear upon the minutes.  
His Excellency said the hon. member could enter another protest if he liked.

**THE JURY LIST.**  
His Excellency said the first matter for the consideration of the Council was the Jury list. It was usual, he said, to deal with this with closed doors, and he would ask the hon. members if the usual custom was to be followed, namely, that the gentlemen of the press were not to be present. He, the Governor, was entirely in the hon. members' hands, but he saw no necessity to exclude the gentlemen of the press, and he would put the question to the members.

It was then agreed that they withdrew, and the result would be given to them.

**THE NATURALISATION ORDINANCE.**  
The bill for the amendment was then read and passed, with the addition of a memorandum, which had been provided on the suggestion of the Colonial Treasurer at last meeting.

The Ordinance for the naturalisation of Lai Shing Yung who was stated in the memorandum to be 40 years of age, and born in Swatow, was then read, and the subject was still residing in Swatow, and that the passing of the ordinance be deferred till his arrival in the Colony.

An ordinance granting naturalisation to Chang Yung Cho, aged 39, born in Amoy, and at present a merchant in Hongkong, was passed; as also one for Ng Li Hing, aged 47, born in Amoy, merchant, now residing in Hongkong; also one for Yan Ching Hing, 30 years of age, born in Amoy, merchant, at present residing in Hongkong; also one for Chan Mun Yung, 41 years of age, born in Amoy, merchant, at present residing in Hongkong.

**THE VESSEL AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.**  
His Excellency then said the next Ordinance was one to amend Ordinance 6 of 1881, which was intended to regulate public conveyances and chairs, and he moved the second reading of the Bill.  
This was agreed to, and the Council then went into Committee, when after some discussion on several of the clauses the Bill was passed and ordered to be numbered Ordinance 6 of 1882.

**THE BARRISTERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.**  
His Excellency proposed the second reading of the Ordinance to amend the laws with reference to the Barristers' Books Evidence. He mentioned that the Bill had been prepared by the Colonial Office, and was done under the direction of the late Attorney General, Mr. Phillips, now the Chief Justice, and it had been sent home, approved of, and sent back. Speaking in the presence of several Bank directors, he would say that it would in every way facilitate the conducting of business. The clauses of the Bill were then read.

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## MEETING OF THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held this afternoon (22nd) in their offices in Queen's Road, when the following gentlemen were present:—The Hon. P. Ryrie, Chairman, Messrs H. Hoppus, A. Melver, H. L. Dalrymple, H. de C. Forbes, and W. H. F. Darby (directors), and Messrs G. Sharp, W. C. de Roche, A. Coxon, M. A. Carville, E. Sharpe, P. de la Motte, and A. G. Stokes, Acting Secretary.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.  
The Chairman said that they had had the report and accounts before them for several days, and he did not think there was any necessity to read them. He had very few remarks to make with reference to the report, and thought the gentlemen present would all agree with him that it was a very satisfactory one.

The reduction of rates, which took place in May last in consequence of the action of the European offices, had he was happy to say, not affected the Company so much as at one time might have been expected. In fact, as far as Hongkong was concerned, the diminution of premium of 1881, as compared with 1880, only amounted to \$100. The falling off, which was not a serious one, was in the agencies. They hoped that, in the course of time, they would make up the deficiency and perhaps even more.

As the gentlemen present were the past month, and he had been several days during the past month, he thought it his duty to express, on behalf of the directors, their thanks to the Chairman for his exertions in the Colony (Applause), and to do him the justice to say that they were very much indebted to his efforts. He hoped that their efficiency would be kept up to its present standard, and indeed, when they had a really good supply of water, he thought very little of it, but when it was so scarce, it was of great value, and he would propose that the reports and accounts as furnished to them by the directors be passed.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Coxon, and carried unanimously.  
Mr. Hoppus proposed the re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs George Scott and J. H. Cox, and this being seconded by the Chairman, was also carried.  
The meeting was then closed.

**INQUESTS.**  
An inquest was opened this afternoon, at the Chinese Court, before the Hon. Mr. Justice (H. E. Woodhouse Esq.) and the following gentlemen as jurors: Messrs A. J. Easton, J. P. Malar, and E. H. Joseph, regarding the death of William Lapley, whose body was found in the water opposite Ship Street yesterday afternoon. Dr. Marquet stated that the body must have been thrown into the water before it was discovered. There was only a slight confusion about the left eyelid. The inquest was then adjourned till Tuesday next at the Magistrate's.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## "THE RACES."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
Sir, The following tips for the Races are, I fancy, somewhat more reliable than those supplied by "Dusky Tout," and therefore I offer them to the Public. I have arrived at my conclusions after a course of life among the Balaheles, more protracted than the brief experience of Messrs. and who follow my lead will probably be as lucky as the Prophet was.  
First Day.—Wong-wei Chong.—First Corner.

Second Day.—Shanrock.  
Dorby.—Hualachan.  
Imakilling.—Sunlight.  
Valley.—Sun Rosa.  
Fochow.—Strathpeffer or Tainmah.  
Canton.—Belench.  
Victoria.—Arlie.  
Second Day.—Shanrock.  
Exchange.—Strathpeffer or First Corner.  
German Cup.—Shall.  
Parsee.—Hualachan.  
Professional.—East Wind or Strathpeffer.  
Town Plate.—Shanrock.  
Broker's Cup.—Ratnapur or Scotch Mist.  
Flyaway Stakes.—East Wind.  
Third Day.—Cathay.—Shell or Sub Rosa.  
Challenge.—Mr Gordon's selected.  
Ladies' Purse.—Troquois.  
Navy.—Rusola.  
Keoching.—Hualachan or Hurricane.  
Stand.—Balaheles.  
Consolation.—Redstart.  
Nil Expenditure.—Wild Sell or Crim-close up.  
Champions.—Mr Gordon's selected.  
Yours truly,  
ARGUS.

## ANOTHER VERSION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
Sir, After careful consideration, and having watched the different ponies during their work, I have made up my mind to send you the following "straight tips" for the First Day's Races.  
Wong-wei Chong.—First Corner.  
Ashley.—East Wind.  
Dorby.—(1) Hualachan, (2) Hurricane, (3) Balaheles.  
Imakilling.—First Corner.  
Valley.—(1) Sub Rosa, (2) Scotch Mist, (3) Lightning.  
Fochow.—Tainmah.  
Canton.—Hualachan.  
Victoria.—Sirocco.  
Yours faithfully,  
BONES.

## RECEPTION OF SIR HARRY PARKES AT TOKIO.

We have already published the Address presented to Sir Harry Parkes, H. B. M. Minister at Tokio, on the 6th instant, by the British community there. Sir Harry replied to the address as follows:—  
"GENTLEMEN,—I thank you most cordially for the address you have been so good as to present me on the part of my countrymen, and also of other foreign residents in this country, with whom I have had the pleasure of being long associated.

"We all know the value of a hearty welcome, and I should possess less than ordinary sensibility if I failed to appreciate the one which you have given me, combining, as it does, approval of my public proceedings with the expression of warm personal regard, and of deep sympathy in my private affliction.

"I am aware that an address of this character is mainly due to the circumstances of the lengthened period of my residence among you, and to the desire of interest and feeling which so happily unites the various sections of our foreign community. It is very gratifying to me to be greeted by you as an old member of that community and to find that you entertain such kindly recollection of the part I have taken in promoting, according to my opportunities, its public and social welfare.

"The maintenance of relations to which you allude will soon, I trust, be forgotten. As personal attacks have fallen harmless, but, in common with yourselves, I regret their occurrence because they were calculated, in inexperienced minds, to occasion national estrangement, and to excite susceptibilities which the feeling men should make it their endeavour to dispel.

"In resuming my duties I am animated chiefly by the hope that I may be able to do some further service to your interests and, I trust I may add without presumption, to those of the country in which we live.

"These intentions, whether foreign or native, are so intimately bound up together that they admit of no real antagonism, and the advancement of the one must depend upon the prosperity of the other. I am not unmindful that in striving to realise the above-named object I may fall short of your expectations, and of my own wishes, but I shall strive to you to support me, as you have hitherto done, in my efforts to bring good, and to believe that no effort shall be wanting on my part, both to merit the continuation of your confidence, to strengthen our friendship, and extend our commerce with this interesting and progressive nation."

## Law Notice.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

Before His Honour the Acting Justice of the Peace, J. R. K. Esq.,  
IN BANKRUPTCY.—Thursday, 23rd Feb. 11 a.m.—In the matter of Cowajee Raut, a bankrupt.—Bankrupt to come up for his discharge.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Woodhouse Esq.)  
Wednesday, Feb. 22.

**OBSTRUCTING THE POLICE IN THE EXECUTION OF DUTY.**  
Fung Aysu was fined five dollars, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, for obstructing the Police in the execution of their duty, by closing the trap-door of a room of a house in Gilman's Bazaar where a constable was proceeding to apprehend some persons who were gambling.

## LOOTERS AT THE LATE FIRE.

Ten coolies were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for having in their possession property belonging to one of the houses adjoining those in which the fire took place in Queen's Road West on Sunday night. They were all attired in Messrs Siemens & Company's uniform and were taking full advantage of their privilege to enter the houses and remove property, but instead of removing property on behalf of the Insurance Company they had appropriated themselves. One of them had no less than eight jackets on him, and innocently remarked that they were his own, and that he had put them on to keep himself warm, which was a somewhat useless proceeding in such a locality. Another was caught carrying four pairs of trousers. The entire house had been

thoroughly ransacked, and a quantity of black meat and other articles were found, the police had their attention drawn to the laresies.

**ASSAULT WITH AN IRON BAR.**  
Lai Hung Ching was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for assaulting Lai Shing with an iron bar on the 1st instant in Hillywood Road. The complainant, it seemed, had, on a previous occasion, been a material witness in a case in which the defendant was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and he had taken this means of avenging himself. The case had been sent to the Supreme Court, but it was sent back to the Magistrate to be dealt with. Two previous convictions were proved against the defendant, and he was sentenced as above.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Lai Ashik, fishmonger, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, for being in unlawful possession of a mosquito-curtain on the 19th instant. The defendant was proved to have taken the curtain from a shop in Bonham Street, from which several articles had been missed.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Li Aching, washerman, was charged with unlawful possession of two blankets, one flannel shirt and one pair of cotton trousers, on the 20th instant.  
The defendant was apprehended by a constable at the Clock Tower with the articles in his possession. When asked for an explanation he said the articles belonged to the Commissariat Department, and that they were being taken to be washed. He did not know his master's name when the constable questioned him, and so was taken to the Station. From further evidence it was proved that the articles belonged to the Commissariat Department, and the defendant not being previously aware of the improperity excused himself by saying that he only intended to loan them to a friend for a night or two. He was convicted of unlawful possession of a pair of drawers and a handkerchief, and was ordered to pay a fine of £1, or be imprisoned for ten days.

## China.

## SHANGHAI (Courier).

The unusual clemency of the present season is illustrated by the announcement that two steamer loads with early rice will start from here on 10th for Tientsin.

The kerosene market, having been depressed for some considerable time, has now (15th) an upward tendency. In view of the healthier aspect of speculations, a new ring has been formed which promises to rise like a Phoenix (with a Devo's flash) from the ashes of the former one.  
We, who have always asserted that China is willing and anxious to keep pace with modern Western civilization, provided the control of such innovations is not subject to the foreigner, are only too glad to learn on the best authority, that railroads through a portion of the empire will be commenced within the present year. The commercial support on the part of the Chinese merchants has already extended as far south as Canton, where a subscription up to the amount of Tl. 10,000,000 is guaranteed. The pioneer line will run, in the first instance, connecting Peking and Tientsin, from Tientsin to Peking, and will then be extended to the south, where the Imperial telegraph lines already traverse. Li Hung Chang is the moving power in this long-looked-for innovation.

## TIENTSIN.

## (N. C. D. News.)

25th January.  
Our winter is too mild for health, and the want of snow alarms the anxious agriculturist of the plains, as there is reason to fear that the excessive dryness is not the only calamity in store. If no snow falls, the eggs of the insect vermin are not killed, and plagues of flies, locusts, worms, etc., etc., too often follow a warm December and January. There is some sickness too, and the waters are low and foul, and in this little community every one has sorrowed for a month or so.

I may as well remark that it is likely that your Correspondents are in advance of their time, and that the Imperial telegraph lines, which the Imperial telegraph lines already traverse. Li Hung Chang is the moving power in this long-looked-for innovation.

"I am aware that an address of this character is mainly due to the circumstances of the lengthened period of my residence among you, and to the desire of interest and feeling which so happily unites the various sections of our foreign community. It is very gratifying to me to be greeted by you as an old member of that community and to find that you entertain such kindly recollection of the part I have taken in promoting, according to my opportunities, its public and social welfare.

"The maintenance of relations to which you allude will soon, I trust, be forgotten. As personal attacks have fallen harmless, but, in common with yourselves, I regret their occurrence because they were calculated, in inexperienced minds, to occasion national estrangement, and to



